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Pat Quinn, Governor
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July 7, 2014

Karyn Haskell
InterTrade Services Corp.
P.O. Box 117
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RE: Knapp Farm
IDNR Project #1500181
County: McLean

Dear Ms. Haskell:

This letter concerns the Endangered Species Consultation for herbicide application to ditch banks. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code* Part 1075.

The project spray site is along Henline Creek, which is listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) as part of the Mackinaw River INAI. The Mackinaw River INAI site is listed as Category I, II, III and VI, meaning that it is a high quality natural community, has suitable habitat for state-listed species or state-listed species relocations, contains a state dedicated Land and Water Reserve, and has an unusual concentration of flora or fauna and is a high quality stream.

Depending on the formulation, herbicides can have an adverse impact on aquatic species. Therefore the Department recommends mechanical removal along Henline Creek. If mechanical removal is not possible, we recommend you only spot spray using the lowest concentration as appropriate, and to take every precaution to reduce drift and to prevent contamination of the surface water.

Consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 is completed. In accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h), please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

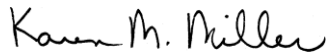
This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been

implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen M. Miller".

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